

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 679

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to commend Larry Edwards, Jr., for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Larry Edwards, Jr., is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Jim Tracy and the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee; Mr. Edwards's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Memphis, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Larry Edwards has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and history and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Up 'til Dawn, Black Scholars Unlimited, Empowered Men of Color, and the National Society of Leadership and Success; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Edwards brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2016 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards was very cognizant of the needs of office staff, and cheerfully made any food runs in order to keep peace and harmony in the office; and

WHEREAS, he was also very good at assisting Research Analyst Matthew Russell by keeping calm and composed on those nerve-wracking Committee days; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards did an excellent job of maintaining proper crowd control in the Senate office and making sure that Senator Tracy stayed on time with his scheduled appointments; and

WHEREAS, Larry Edwards has performed his duties with great skill, illustrating intelligence, creativity, and initiative. He was a hardworking, dedicated intern for the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, his good nature and indomitable spirit have garnered him the respect of the membership of the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee as well as that of other legislative members and staff; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2016 legislative session, Larry Edwards, Jr., has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Larry Edwards, Jr., has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Larry Edwards, Jr., for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jim Tracy and the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.